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Registrar.

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FROM
THE REGISTRAR,
THE UNIVERSITY,
MANCHESTER, 13
Telephone : ARDwick 3333.

PERSONAL
AND CONFIDENTIAL

August 12th, 1958.

Dear Miss Hardcastle,

Thank you once again for your kind hospitality and for the surprise of a chauffeuse, which was quite delightful.

I thought the meeting went very well and I was glad to find that Bishop Brook was wholly with us. On the drive back, Mr. Clarke was quite sanguine about his Authority's position but of course he cannot commit them at this stage, and Mr. Ellison was hoping that Sir John Stopford (now Lord Stopford of Fallowfield) would be willing to serve on their sub-committee. I think our problem rather lies with the Ministry and I hope that a united front from the Foundation, the Local Education Authority and the University may be sufficient to clinch the deal.

Thank you again for the hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Knowles

Miss Mary Hardcastle,
Principal,
Charlotte Mason College,
AMBLESIDE,
Westmorland.

26. Sept. (1958)

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Dear Mrs Wallon.

There is a meeting of the Gov. Body of the Cleathorpe Farm Schs. to-day at the end of next week at Overstone to discuss the expansion of the school. You may have seen the announcement in the Personal Column of the Times. a short time back.

I feel that something must be said at this meeting about the probable trend of future events at Ambleside. It would be wrong for the Governing Body to be allowed to embark on this ambitious programme without knowledge that the already exiguous supply of C.M.T.s may soon dry up altogether if the College passes into the hands of L.E.I.T.

W.M. of 3d. In view of his leader in the Times this week, I have little doubt that this will be so.

Nothing more need be said at this juncture, but enough to act as

a warning. I would like your approval of
any fresh data which you think should
be confidentially made known.

I feel too that something should be
said at the P.N.E.U. Ex. Com. too. The
Office is supposed to supply C.M.T.s & is
already failing the O.Y. Companies very badly
by not producing them. We might of course
have passed him twelve years ago.
But I do not consider it is my duty
to enlighten the P.N.E.U. Ex. Com, especially
as you are a member & can speak with
all the authority necessary.

I do not propose to attend any
meeting of C.M.F. until his matter is
finally decided. I cannot conscientiously
co-operate & I do not want to put up a
written opposition to the wishes of the
majority. And, when the slip is taken,
my disappearance will be hardly noticed.
I am sure this will entail the least
possible embarrassment to you.

I am just back from Italy &
had a lively time there as usual.

Yours ever
Edric Glaser.

26. 9. 58: Copy of my reply. 125/10003/16

Dear Mr. G.

Thank you very much for your letter of Sept. 26th.

First of all may I say that I think it is of the utmost importance that nothing whatever is said, or the staffs, of the members of C.M.T. concerning the College's attitude to the P.T.A., either at your forthcoming Meeting of C.M. Schools. Co. or the P.N.E.U. Exec. Committee.

No, indeed, do I see why it would be necessary. To every thinking person, (especially to those interested in Education as the government's necessary, and) it must ^{already} be abundantly clear after the leader & article in the Times, Sept 25th, that the future is very uncertain for any independent & sound Teacher Training College.

Negotiations are in an extremely delicate stage, or it would be a misand policy if anything were

said now, or even if a rumor for
about, which might prejudice us
outcome either way. I cannot possibly
say anything outside C.M.T. until
after our Council meeting on Nov. 13th,
otherwise, more sincerely, than no one
else will.

I do not agree that "it would be
wrong" nor to say anything now.
Firstly, it is not as though Overstone
had definitely asked us for informa-
tion about the failure of his College
before they launched their expansion
plan. Secondly, I do not share your
view that if D. & A. or the Min. of
Ed were to take us over, the source
of C.M.T.s would necessarily dry
up. Thirdly, it is, unfortunately,
nothing new that we cannot
supply Overstone or his Oil Companies
with an oil C.M.T.s they need.
We have been unable to do this
for a good many years now.

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I heartily agree that his whole problem should have been packed years ago - probably 1947 - & I do too sympathise with your anxieties, & admire your integrity.

I leave you with reconsideration of decision now & attend C.M.F. meeting "until this matter is decided".
There are other items on his agenda.

The P.N.E.U. Ex. Com. on Tues.

Sept. 30th is out of his question for me, I fear, but there will be in London between Oct. 6 - 10th.

Perhaps we could have a talk sometime during this period, if you would care to do so.

How long he has had a holiday in Italy. I hope it included some real sun-weather?

Yours sincerely

W. G. W.

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GALLEONS,
HIGHER LANE,
MUMBLES, SWANSEA.

SWANSEA 68443.

Sunday
Sept: 28² (1958)

barling Hardy.

I whacked out my
letter to C. G. after phoning him,
& slept on it. Today I decided
my original was too short &
rather abrupt & he is likely to
be nice, so I added a bit
more while not detracting from
the firmness of the first part.
I enclose a copy of his letter to me.
Then I had an idea & remembered
Lady Reid is certainly going to
the P.N.E.U. Ex. Com. on Tues. so

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I've sent a copy of this letter ^{in further support} ~~in the way~~ to my reply to her & I asked her to stamp on any reference to the Conference future as firmly as possible. She can be as firm as she likes, as its our last meeting in P.W.E.U. Ex. Com. (She is our allowing her name to go up for re-election. Fed up, this) You'll have warned Cochrane, Madeline, Damberg. Sir Clement isn't going to be here & Humpy & Hungar may up the Franklin & say, in mistake, now, what I've said to C. G. It is so important now to have union flying now. In leaving, have to catch Mr. Bruce line to -



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39, PARKER STREET,

LONDON, W. C. 2.

(TEL: HOLBORN 9791)

10th November 1958

Dear Miss Hardcastle,

Under the new Regulations (The Training of Teachers Grant Amending Regulations No.3, 1958) the Minister will allow no more than 75% grant for that part of the approved enlargement of training colleges which refers to the emergency expansion programme of 12,000 additional teacher-training places.

The implication of the Minister's letter of 24th September (and of his earlier one) is that voluntary training colleges have been thus placed in this dilemma - either they must find the additional capital which will enable them to meet 25% of the cost of expansion to a 500-place (or some less, but certainly not as low as 400-place) training college; or to recognize that they will be unable to raise so large a sum in order to expand to such a magnitude and that in course of time they will be "rationalized" out of existence. Moreover, such colleges must reconcile themselves to a period of static existence, which will continue but only during the period of emergency: thereafter there is to be a period of uncertainty while the "small" colleges who do not respond (or, in this case, cannot respond) to the Minister's demands are found to be redundant and unworthy to continue to receive the normal maintenance grants.

The view of the British & Foreign School Society is that for any national emergency expansion of this kind, a grant of only 75% is not right and that voluntary colleges ought not to be so squeezed out of existence by reason only that their fund-raising abilities are insufficient for meeting the vast emergency requirements of the Minister. The view is held that in these special circumstances, and seeing that the Local Education Authority colleges are thus generously treated, the full 100% ought to be paid, or opportunities afforded to charge interest and a small sinking fund against fees account for loans granted to cover the other 25%. (It is noted, incidentally, that the new Regulations continue the 50% grant in other circumstances. No exception is taken to this by the British & Foreign School Society - it is only in the case of capital expenditures in response to the Minister's re-



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quest for the exceptional action involved in helping to provide quickly a total of 12,000 new places that the 100% grant is urged.)

There is already agreement among a number of voluntary training colleges including the Catholic Education Council (but not, I ought to add, the Church of England or the Methodists) that 100% is the only figure which is right in principle, and that efforts should be made through Parliament to impress upon the Minister the justice of the case for a 100% grant, and the injustice of confronting the voluntary colleges with the dilemma - find the money to carry out my scheme, and at once, or else...face extinction. In the event, since I am a Member of Parliament as well as Chairman of the British & Foreign School Society, I am initiating such Parliamentary action.

If your Committee were to agree with our view, would you please let me have authority to say so? If not, would you equally please inform me, so that I may know what is the general opinion among voluntary colleges?

If you agree, and your Member of Parliament is a Conservative, would you please write to him and urge him to attend a meeting of the Conservative Education Committee in Room 9 in the House of Commons at 5 p.m. on Monday 17th November, and to support your case? If he is of another Party, please let me know his name so that I may ask him similarly to arrange for consideration by his Party of the justice of the case and of the issues involved.

I enclose an additional copy of this letter for your use with your Chairman or Treasurer. Would you please note that there is not much time before the holding of the meeting of Conservative Members.

Yours sincerely,

I. J. L. Truman.

If this is not relevant to your situation
please ignore it. I. J. L.

Tel.
AMBLESIDE
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The Charlotte Mason College,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

Pitman
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Dear Mr Pitman,

Thank you very much

for your letter which I found awaiting
me on my return from a meeting
in London of my own Governing
Body.

I am very glad to know
what you are doing although our
circumstances are different - This
College is independent, recognised
by the Ministry & affiliated to
Manchester University, but not
Grant-aided. We are at present

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negotiating with the Local
Education Authority -

I am forwarding your letter
to our Chairman, who will be
interested to hear what you are
doing even though it does not
appear to be relevant to our
situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Hardeast
Principal

Letters about Fairfield Senior

The Charlotte Mason College,

Ambleside,
Westmorland.

29th Feb 1959 School

Tel.
Ambleside
2168

February, 1959

Dear

Fairfield School

You have probably heard that negotiations are proceeding with regard to the possibility of the Westmorland Education Authority taking over responsibility for the administration of the Charlotte Mason College.

This change will necessitate a new relationship between the Practising School and the College. More accommodation will be needed for the Students and more of the Charlotte Mason Foundation property will have to be used in this way.

The Foundation has therefore had to make the decision that after July 1960, we shall not be able to keep children in the school beyond the age of thirteen years.

I need hardly say that this grave decision has only been reached after long and very serious consideration, and with the deepest regret. We are particularly sorry that it will not be possible for your daughter to take the G.C.E. examination at Fairfield. May I remind you, however, that we are part of an organisation (the P.N.E.U.) which has other schools and to one of these, when the time comes, she can proceed without disturbing the method and course of her education.

Yours sincerely,

Principal.

230/Jan/6
J.W.

Mrs. Walton,
Galleons,
Higher Lane,
Mumbles,
Swansea.

15th July, 1959

Dear Mrs. Walton,

I am very glad that it was decided to have our meeting at Ambleside and I much enjoyed the weekend. The arrangements made for the meeting were, if I may say so, admirable. I do hope I did not "stick my neck out" too much and I hope too that you will bear with me if, as a newcomer, I put down a few of my impressions.

Miss Cholmondeley was kind enough to take me on a conducted tour of the various houses. I was, in the first place, glad to note that the value of many of the properties - on any basis of assessment - must considerably exceed the value entered in the last balance sheet. And it was very interesting to see the developments that have taken place in recent years in connection with the property in the face of great financial stringency.

I think that those of us who have not been familiar with the workings of the College were perturbed to see the burden of non-educational work which falls on Miss Hardcastle's shoulders and which in most similar establishments would be undertaken by a bursar or a registrar. I was so glad to learn that Mr. Price is proving increasingly helpful, and I feel sure that the need to relieve the Principal of much of the non-educational work is a point which the L.E.A. will view sympathetically, as it is obviously so important.

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If I may, I should like to suggest that work should start as soon as possible on the "unscrambling" of the accounts. This is quite a complicated problem and various decisions affecting the future arrangements with the L.E.A. and the future of the Practising School will clearly turn on the results. Indeed I think that, on such vital questions as the level of school fees, it will be virtually impossible to take sound decisions until this unscrambling has been largely completed. I fully appreciate that it is going to be quite a burden on people who are already over-worked, but no doubt Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company will be able to help considerably.

I should like to see a copy of the letter from the Ministry of Education to Mr. Clarke which you read to the meeting, and I wonder whether the minutes could be circulated within the next few weeks together with a copy of that letter. I should also like - if it is not asking too much - to see a copy of Mrs. Franklin's letter which you read at the end of the meeting. Moreover, her proposals are obviously of such fundamental importance that it would be a tremendous help if some of those concerned could let the Council have some notes on the issues to be considered as they see them. Again - if it is not overburdening the organisation - I think it would be helpful if we could have some practical details of the finances and administration of the P.N.E.U., unless this information is readily available from the P.R.

I am glad that it was decided to make an announcement to the local press about the changes that are taking place. I fear that this announcement may have to serve to correct some of the rumours that have already been put about. For

example, I was shocked to see that it was said in the Ambleside Parish Magazine that the College would in future be "State-Controlled" - a word of unfailing ambiguity which can always be relied upon to trigger off adverse emotions. It is of course not for me to suggest what sort of announcement should be made for local consumption but I should like to suggest that a statement which goes somewhat beyond the bare facts of the situation should be made as soon as possible to well-wishers of the College throughout the country and indeed throughout the world, if only to allay some of the anxiety that has arisen from the indirect reports which people have so far had. I am thinking particularly, of course, of old students and others directly connected with the P.N.E.U. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a draft of the sort of statement which I think might be made. I am doing this, not because it is my job, but because I fear that something along these lines may possibly go by default unless somebody takes the initiative. I do want to emphasise that I shall not be in the least offended if this draft proves completely unacceptable or has to be drastically changed before anything is published in the P.R. or the Pianta. So here it is for what it is worth and please do what you like with it.

Finally, at the risk of appearing a little silly, I should like to repeat what I said at the meeting about the need to consider, as far as possible in advance, the broad problem of the future staffing of the College and, in particular, the future Principals. This seems to me a very special problem for Ambleside because it will be difficult to get key staff imbued with the Charlotte Mason philosophy unless they themselves have been trained at Ambleside, with the result that the College must provide itself with the seeds of its own succession. This is

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not a problem which faces other colleges in the country. I fully appreciate that, if one tries to deal too directly with such problems as future Principals, one can look extremely foolish. I do hope, however, that a nucleus of people under your leadership can keep this matter under continual review and can try to formulate some ideas. I may be quite wrong and misguided in all this, but my impression is that it is probably the most important issue which we shall have to face and, as you yourself suggested, one must look for positive ways of dealing with the fears underlying Michael Franklin's rather negative agitation. I feel, moreover, that the problem of future staffing is a matter which can no longer be relied upon to solve itself without some thought being given to it in advance, and that the coming years are likely to be the most critical, so that no time should be lost in trying to deal with it.

I must apologise for putting down so many points, particularly as nearly all of them, if taken seriously, would involve a lot of work for other people and none for myself! I thought, however, it might help just a little if I put them down while they are still fresh in my memory, but I fully appreciate that many of them may not justify consideration and I am very happy to leave them entirely in your hands.

I am writing to Miss Hardcastle today and am taking the liberty of sending her a copy of this letter with the attached draft.

Yours sincerely,

D.H.

P.S. If your boy is going either to British Guiana or to Nyasaland, do let me know, as I might be able to help.

Return To Miss Hardcastle 13/plus/316

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K. S. Hinsworth M.A. LL.B.

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County Hall,

Kendal

12th August, 1959

Dear Sirs,

Charlotte Mason College, Ambleside

I write with reference to our previous correspondence.

I have now had an opportunity of having a word with the Director of Education.

May I refer first to all the properties included on the map which you loaned me (of which I have taken a copy) which lie to the north or east of the main Kendal - Keswick road?

Will you confirm that the whole of these properties will be included in the lease by the Foundation to the County Council, with the exception which I mention in the next paragraph?

It is understood that the house known as Low Nook houses the headquarters of the corresponding school of the Foundation, and that it is intended that it should so continue. If this is correct, will you please let me have the Foundation's proposals for dealing with this property known as Low Nook? Will it provide the better working solution if this property is excluded from the main lease and remains in the hands of the Foundation, the Foundation, however, granting the user, on agreed terms, of those rooms in the property which are at present used in connection with the functions of the College, for a period contemporaneous with the term of the main lease?

The triangular piece of land to the east of Nook Lane, coloured pink on your plan, and forming part of O.S. 242, does not appear to serve any useful purpose, but it may be that the Foundation will wish to include it, with the other properties, in the main lease.

It is understood that two cottages, now interconnecting, known as Ashfield and Beechfield, in Nook Lane, are also held by the Foundation on lease. These form part of the College accommodation, and, presumably, must be transferred to the Council. Can you let me know on what conditions they are at present held and what is proposed as to their transfer?

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May I now deal with the properties lying to the south or west of the Kendal - Keswick road? It is assumed that the property known as Springfield, edged with a red line, will be transferred. Will you please confirm? It is also assumed that the property known as The Knoll, hatched green, will not be transferred but will as part of the premises of Fairfield School.

There appears to be some doubt as to the accuracy of the pencil identifications on your map of those houses which form O.S. 252. As I understand it, the two semi-detached properties, i.e. the westerly portion, edged deep orange or red, and the central portion, edged green, comprise the premises of Fairfield School, and will not be transferred, but the yellow portion on the easterly side, known as "Fairfield House (The Annexe)" will be transferred as part of the College premises. Will you please confirm?

The effective date for transfer is to be September, 1960, but the Director of Education seems to be of opinion that it may be desirable to fix different dates for the transfer of one or more of the following properties, namely, Hill Top, Springfield, and the Fairfield Annexe. Can you please let me have the views of the Foundation on this point?

There remains the question of the playing fields. These comprise nearly three acres near Nook End, the meadow lying behind The Knoll, and nearby land, hatched blue, lying behind the Fairfield properties. I understand that it will be necessary to arrange for some sharing out of these playing fields between the College and the School, or for some measure of joint user. Presumably the playing fields near Nook End might be allocated solely to the College. Will you please, however, let me have the proposals of the Foundation as to how the playing fields should be dealt with?

There are two other major points which I propose should be discussed at this stage.

The first relates to the terms of the proposed lease. Could you let me know what the Trustees have in mind, that is to say, are they proposing that the terms of the lease should provide generally for main structural

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repairs being undertaken by the landlords and minor repairs by the tenants, or that the whole of the premises should be let on a fully repairing lease or something approximating to a fully repairing lease? This is a question upon which I shall have to consult the Ministry of Education, as the total cost of maintaining the Training College will fall to be met from a national pool, the disbursement of which is under the control of the Ministry. I think, however, it desirable to have the views of the Foundation before approaching the Ministry.

The second point concerns the arrangements which, I understand, are regularly made each summer for the letting of the whole or part of the premises for Conferences and Meetings. I understand that arrangements have already been concluded in respect of the summer of 1961, and that substantial sums of money are involved.

It will be essential for the Council to know precisely where they stand in this matter, and I should be glad if you could let me know what has been the practice of the Foundation in the past, approximately what sums of money are involved in income and expenditure, what are the wishes of the Foundation for the future, and to what extent the Trustees of the Foundation feel themselves already contractually bound to arrangements to take effect after the projected transfer in September, 1960.

I shall be glad to hear from you when you have been able to take instructions from the Trustees. It might be that we could now, with advantage, try and agree upon draft heads of a lease upon which I could then consult the Ministry of Education before the matter is put in the hands of the District Valuer to negotiate the Foundation side.

Yours faithfully,

(E.S.H.) Sgd.

Clerk of the Council

Messrs. W.H. Heelis & Son,
Solicitors,
Plane Tree House,
Ambleside
Westmorland.

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14th October 1959

Dear Sir,

Charlotte Mason College, Ambleside

We write with reference to your letter of the 12th of August on which we have seen the Treasurer and Surveyor, and apologise for not replying to it earlier.

With regard to the property which is to be transferred to the Council, all the buildings will be transferred, except Los Hook and the Garages and Loft adjacent and also except Fairfield and The Noll, and the premises known as The Ark. Only the two buildings coloured green and orange will be included.

With reference to Los Hook, it is suggested that this should be retained by the Foundation who will grant the user of these rooms to which you refer in your letter on agreed terms. This period obviously must run co-extensively with the main lease. With regard to the land, we think that the garden opposite Hook Lane cottages part 0.5.2.2 should be included in the lease. The Foundation will not let the portion of land coloured brown, part of 0.5.152. They have, in fact, a scheme in hand for exchanging this portion with the owner of Hook End Farm, together with a portion of Field 255 known as the Noll Meadow, in exchange for Field 256. This Field 256 would make a more satisfactory playing field than Field 265 and if arrangements could be reached with the owner of Hook End Farm, the exchange would be for that line west of the existing boundary between 256 and 265 continued in a Northerly direction to its junction with 264.

The Games Mistress has suggested that 265 should be retained but it is doubtful whether this can be arranged financially. The views of the Education Department would be welcomed on the suggestion.

We are obtaining copies of the Leases of Ashfield and Bevethfield which we will forward to you. We think that the consent of the landlords may be necessary to the sub-letting.

This applies to disposal of the property to be transferred in general principle. As far as the transfer Deed is concerned

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September 1960 would seem to be the most suitable date for all the property to change hands. Is there any particular reason why different dates should be suggested? Your suggestion with regard to sharing the use of the playing fields jointly is what is in the mind of the Committee. Presumably a joint user would be best and the details of allocation or periods of time could be settled by the Games Mistress in conjunction with the Education Authority. There do not appear to be any insuperable difficulties on this point.

Considerable thought has been given as to the suggested lease and it is considered that a full repairing lease would be the most satisfactory solution.

With regard to the letting of the premises in the Summer, there appears to be some misunderstanding here as no arrangements have been made beyond the Summer of 1960. What happens thereafter would be entirely in the County Council's control.

We agree that a draft Lease or Heads of Agreement might be settled now, but we think that if you agree to the basis of the terms for the lease, it would be desirable to get this matter moving now and a meeting between the District Valuer and A Valuer for the Foundation could be arranged at an early date to try to settle the terms of rent. This would obviously have to be subject to the Ministry's approval in view of what your letter states. Do you agree?

Yours faithfully,

Clerk of the Westmorland County Council,
County Hall,
KENDAL.

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L. K. BROWNSON
CLERK TO HAWKSHEAD MAGISTRATES
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

LKB/FMH

PLANE TREE HOUSE.

AMBLESIDE,

WESTMORLAND.

(AND AT HAWKSHEAD NEAR AMBLESIDE).

16th October, 1959

Dear Sir,

As requested on the telephone
yesterday, we enclose a copy of Mr. Himsorth's letter of
the 12th August 1959.

Yours faithfully,

L. K. BROWNSON

Mr. Price,
Charlotte Mason Foundation,
Rydal Road,
Ambleside.

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K.S.Himsworth M.A. LLB.
Clerk of the Peace and
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall,
Kendal. Telephone 1000

26th October 1959.

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Dear Sirs,
Charlotte Mason College.

Thank you for your letters of the 14th and 16th October.

It is very desirable that we should make speedy progress in this matter, but before I can refer the negotiations to the District Valuer it is essential that I should be in a position to instruct the Valuer precisely as to the subject of his negotiations.

Your letters answer a number of the points which I raised in my letter of the 12th August, but there are still a number of points outstanding. They are as follows:-

(1) Low Nook. In my last letter I asked for the Foundation's proposals as to the joint user of this property. Could you let me know what the Foundation have precisely in mind? Will you please let me have details as to the rooms which are to be made available to the College and those which are to be retained for the use of the corresponding School? Who is to be responsible for the heating, lighting and cleaning of the rooms which are for the exclusive use of the College, and of those parts of the premises which will be used in common? Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the grounds? Will any part of the grounds be available for the use of the College?

(2) Piece of land, part O.S.242. I raised a query as to this triangle of land, and understood from your letter of the 14th that it would be included in the lease, but the plan sent with your letter of the 16th does not show this land in either colour.

(3) Will you please let me have a sight, as soon as possible, of the leases of Ashfield and Beechfield? Have you obtained the consent of the Landlord to a sub-letting or assignment of the lease?

(4) I think it is essential that some concrete proposal should be put forward by the Foundation as to the user of the playing fields. Can an allocation be made of different areas to the College and to the School, or is it proposed that there shall be joint user of any portions? The District Valuer must know in respect of what playing fields he is negotiating. How far advanced is the proposed transaction for the exchange of the playing fields and when will it be completed? It is difficult for the Director of Education to initiate proposals with regard to the playing fields. The knowledge of what playing field accommodation is really needed

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for the College on the one hand and the School on the other hand lies primarily with the staff of the College and the School, and I think that they must first put forward their proposals. Suppose the proposed exchange does not take place, will then the 2.8 acres in O.S. 182 be included in the lease? I feel some concern over the practicability of completing this transaction in time for me to give proper instructions to the District Valuer, though I appreciate that there may be much to be said, for the future of both the College and the School, in favour of such a re-arrangement as you outline, but I think the Foundation must put forward some positive proposals and say what they intend. Is field O.S. 255 to be included in the lease for the exclusive use of the Training College? It is coloured red on the plan of the 16th October.

(5) The suggestion that the transfer might have to take place not on one date in September 1960, but by instalments, came originally from the Foundation. I am glad to learn that the whole transaction can now take place at one and the same time.

(6) I note that the Foundation proposes a full repairing lease.

(7) I note further that no commitments have been entered into in respect of summer letting of the premises beyond 1960.

(8) Can you look into a number of discrepancies between your plan of the 16th October and the earlier plan which you loaned me? The boundary, on the two plans, of Springfield, O.S.259, does not agree: there is a discrepancy at the south-west end and also at the eastern corner.

(9) There is a discrepancy, again, between the two plans in respect of the boundary of Hill Top. Why is it now proposed that the Hill Top property should be divided as between the College and the School. It was understood, and your letter of the 14th appeared to confirm, that the whole of this property would be included in the lease.

(10) Again, the reason for the exclusion from the proposed lease of very substantial areas of land adjoining Scale How is not understood. These include O.S.250, O.S.179 and O.S.181. There is, further, a discrepancy as to the boundaries of these portions of land, and your plan of the 16th October does not appear to show the land incorporated in the main Scale How property, but forming part of O.S.178. Why have all these properties been excluded from the lease?

I think it may well be desirable that we should have a meeting on the site at an early date, but before that is arranged I should be glad if you could clear up the points which I have raised in this letter.

I return herewith the plan enclosed with your letter of the 16th October. I have not kept any copy of this.

Yours faithfully,

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